NEWMAN LAKE FIRE & RESCUE
Spokane County Fire District No. 13
Minutes for April 21, 2021
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONER MEETING

CALL TO ORDER
The Board of Fire Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 13 met on April 21, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at Station No. 1, 9324 N Starr Rd., Newman Lake, Washington.

ROLL CALL
Board: Commissioners Eileen Weyrauch, Teresa Phelps, and Ben Kaiser
Others Present: D.C. Kim Stanley, Secretary Robin Harbin, and Auxiliary Rep. Faye LeGrand; Chief Stan Cooke participated via GoToMeeting

OATH OF OFFICE
Ben Kaiser affirmed his oath of office as Interim Commissioner, as administered by Chair Weyrauch.

CONSENT AGENDA
The consent agenda consisted of the 2021 minutes for March 17, April 6, and April 13; Financial Reports and Approval of Warrants #10341-#10393 in the amount of $96,906.37; Payroll Taxes in the amount of $5,354.22, and DRS Pension in the amount of $1,624.67. Commissioner Phelps moved to accept the consent agenda; Commissioner Kaiser seconded; Chair Weyrauch called for the vote, which passed unanimously.

AUXILIARY REPORT
The Auxiliary Report was given by Faye LeGrand. The current Auxiliary Treasury Balance is $2,677.82. The March 5 meeting was canceled; the next meeting is scheduled for May 3, which will focus on decisions regarding the annual hot dog and T-Shirt sales. In case we have to go back to Phase 2 on May 3, Faye confirmed that Phase 2 occupancy is fifteen (15). Wendi Helmick and Terry White have made a list of approximately 58 new property owners to contact with invitations to join the Auxiliary.

CORRESPONDENCE – No Correspondence

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Lexipol Update: Chief Stan presented twelve (12) Tier 1—High Risk SOPs for Board approval. Commissioner Kaiser motioned to approve SOPs 100, 101, 102, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, and 209; Commissioner Phelps seconded; Chair Weyrauch called for the vote which passed unanimously.

Pepinski Proposal: The Board reviewed a proposal by Pepinski Excavation to complete a Fire Apparatus Training Course, also called an EVIP Obstacle Training Course, next to Station 1. The proposed cost of the training course is $30,172.00 plus tax. Chair Weyrauch asked if separation fabric will be used to prevent sinkage; Chief Stan affirmed it will. Commissioner Phelps motioned to approve the Pepinski Proposal; Commissioner Kaiser seconded; Chair Weyrauch called for the vote which passed unanimously.

Pavilion Update: Chief Stan reported this is a separate stand-alone project not connected to any other construction project. He has contacted C and S construction, requesting a proposal. A proposal has already been received from Bulldog Contractors.

Squad 13-1 and Squad 13-2: Both medic trucks have been ordered, with voucher requests to be submitted to the County today. Paperwork has been signed and the trucks will be ready to be picked up from Dave Smith Motors in Kellogg, Idaho this next Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

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Staffing Update: Steve Farnsworth will be volunteering to complete some maintenance for the Department. He will receive a stipend for his volunteer work.

NEW BUSINESS

WSRB Rating: We received a score of 5.08, which equals a rating of 6. Chief Stan contacted Eric with WSRB to inquire about steps we can take to obtain a score of 4.01 to 5.0, which would give all residents on the south end of the lake a rating of 5. Stan outlined the steps needed to improve our rating in April 2022. A rating of 5 would save approximately $20-$25 per year on insurance for a house valued at $300K. Commissioner Phelps commented that property owners will appreciate the improved WSRB rating.

NLFR YouTube Channel: Volunteers have produced a fantastic video highlighting Newman Lake Fire & Rescue in action. Final editing with music was completed by new recruit, Travis Griffiths. A YouTube channel was set up to hold this video as well as future training and recruiting videos. Links to our YouTube videos will be easy to add to our website without slowing it down.

Resolution 2021-7: To reopen and rename a fund for LTD SCIP (LDI) loan debt service. We received a $300,000 loan from the Spokane County Investment Pool in January 2021. The County reopened Fund 365 for this loan. The State Auditors Office requires a 200-level fund for debt service. Therefore, this resolution approves Fund 366 to be reopened and renamed Fund 267 LTD SCIP Debt Service. Funds 265 & 266 are currently in use for UTGO and LTGO Bond debt service. Commissioner Kaiser motioned to approve the resolution; Commissioner Phelps seconded; Chair Weyranch called for the vote which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Faye asked if we would put burn ban notices on our electronic sign. Chief Stan stated that we will have apparatus at the public boat launch this Saturday, April 24, at 7:30 a.m. for Community Clean-up Day, which is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Eileen Weyranch, Chairperson

District Secretary

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